

## UTILITIES TAXES ARE DELINQUENT AFTER WEDNESDAY

Many Companies Have Paid  
Nothing, Others Have Paid  
on Account and Only One  
Big Concern Paid in Full.

While Wednesday was the last day for public utilities corporations in the city to pay taxes without a penalty for delinquency, many had failed to make payment, according to City Treasurer John H. Hesse.

Several of the companies have paid on account and five of them have secured temporary injunctions restraining the city from collecting taxes on an assessment greater than 5.21 per cent of the assessment returned to the city by the state board of equalizers for public utilities.

These are the Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Gulf Railroad company, the Rock Island, Memphis Terminal Railway company, and the receivers for the Memphis Street Railway company, which secured temporary injunctions Dec. 4, and the Arkansas & Memphis Railroad & Bridge company and the Memphis Union Station company, which secured temporary restraining orders from Judge A. M. J. Cochran Tuesday.

### Seek Reductions.

The two companies last named not only seek to reduce the assessment for city taxes to 5.21 per cent of the assessment of the public utilities commission, but attack the assessment, which they say is in excess of the cash valuation of their properties.

The Arkansas & Memphis Railroad & Bridge company, for instance, says that the cash value of its property is \$2,218,777.11, whereas the utilities commission assessed the property at \$2,510,000. The company has paid taxes on 55.91 per cent of their own valuation, which amounts to \$22,242.65. They will fight in the injunction hearing to have their figures adopted as a basis of valuation and then to reduce the city assessment to 5.21 per cent of this val-

uation, because, they allege that this was the basis of the assessment by the city of other public utilities. For them to pay on the full valuation, they contend, would be discrimination, and would, therefore, be in violation of the Fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

### Penalties After Wednesday.

Two companies have paid their taxes in full, but retain the right to file suit to recover in part provided the injunction suits filed by the above named companies are successful. They are the Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans Railroad company (the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley) and the American Railway Express company. So far the telephone company as the only one of the big companies which has paid taxes in full with no strings attached. Many of the small companies, whose taxes amounted to only a few dollars, have paid in full.

Up to Wednesday total receipts from utilities taxes, as announced by Mr. Hesse, were slightly more than \$306,000. Under the assessment returns, which include all corporations except the L. & N. and the N. O. & St. L. railroads, the city was due to collect \$745,261. The two railroads excepted have enjoined the state controller from certifying the assessment of their property to the city authorities.

Mr. Hesse announced that the penalty of 5 per cent will go on the taxes after Wednesday, and will be collected in the cases of all companies which are not protected by injunctions. He was served with notice of the temporary injunctions issued Dec. 4, but so far has no official knowledge of stop orders issued in the case of other companies. The city attorney, Walter P. Armstrong, however, has ruled that the knowledge that an injunction has been issued is sufficient to bind the city treasurer to the ruling of the court.

### Boy, Page Diogenes! Honest Man Is Found

Old Diogenes is long since dead, but the search for an honest man which he instituted, lantern in hand, has gone on through the ages, until—V. C. Albright, local government revenue attaché, has found what he says is "a strictly honest man."

Mrs. Albright Tuesday reported the loss of a purse containing \$25. It was found by J. C. McNeal, negro express driver, and restored to the owner Wednesday.

## 'Dry Land' Rates Become Effective; Shippers Protest

James S. Durant, commissioner of the Memphis freight bureau, will go to Louisville Thursday to attend a conference of shippers' representatives and railroad officials, relative to new commodity rates known as the "dry land" rates, in line with the class rates that became effective Wednesday at Memphis and other river cities.

The new rates deprive all cities located on waterways of the advantages of potential water competition, and place the rates on a parity with inland cities. Many of the new rates are considered discriminatory and shippers effected are planning to make a strenuous protest before the Interstate Commerce commission. The commodity rates have not yet been adjusted.

## DAN NEWTON SENDS BUILDERS LETTER

Dan C. Newton, city building inspector, has sent out a general letter to all contractors now engaged in the construction of new buildings, stating that sidewalks must be kept free of all obstructions in the future. He says that there is an ordinance against blocking the sidewalk, and that in the future it will be strictly enforced. He asks that violations of this rule be reported to his office.

In addition to sidewalk obstructions, Newton says that he will issue an order that all wooden signs, or signs of any nature except electric signs, which protrude over the sidewalk be removed. He says that electric signs help light up the city, and that they will be allowed to remain.

## WAGES CUT SECOND TIME.

GAFFNEY, S. C., Dec. 15.—For the second time within a month, the Gaffney Manufacturing company announced a 15 per cent reduction in the wages of its employees.

## OUT BREAD ONE-THIRD.

STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 15.—The price of the pound loaf of bread was reduced from 15 to 10 cents here today. The reduction affects a large section of West Texas, which obtains bread supplies from Stamford.

## Fair Weather Will Continue; Colder

Fair weather is to continue throughout Wednesday night and Thursday, local U. S. weather forecasters say.

A still lower temperature is in sight for Wednesday night and Thursday, but will not reach freezing, forecasters promise.

The river stage was 11.2 feet Wednesday, the gauge at the weather bureau showed. Considerable rainfall in the upper river regions was given as the reason for the .2-foot rise in the last 24 hours.

## TEXAS QIN BURNS.

PADUCAH, Tex., Dec. 15.—The cotton gin of Goodwin Brothers at Chalk, 12 miles southeast of Paducah, was destroyed Sunday by fire of undetermined origin. It was learned here today. The loss is placed at \$25,000.

## HOG PRICES SLUMP.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15.—Mixed hogs sold at \$9.30 per hundredweight at the Union stockyards here. This is the lowest the market has been since November, 1919, when hogs were quoted at \$9.80.

## Kremetz Cuff and Stud Sets

Always sold for \$4.00;  
sale price \$2.75, at

Kantor, Lyon  
& Co., Inc.  
Wholesale Jewelers  
51 S. Second St.

## Stratton Station Gets More Capital

A charter of recapitalization was taken out late Tuesday for increase in the capital of Stratton station from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Stratton station is a large wholesale food distributing station. Incorporators are L. N. and A. C. Stratton, G. M. Baird, P. M. Warren and M. G. White.

## SOUTHERN CONSUMPTION BETTER THAN NORTHERN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumption was further curtailed during November, and holdings of cotton showed an increase, the census bureau's monthly report showed today.

November consumption was about 67,800 bales less than October's 159,000 bales less than November last year and almost 400,000 bales less for the

four-month period as compared with the same period a year ago. Active cotton spinning numbered about 2,000,000 less than in October and almost 2,000,000 less than in November last year. Consumption in cotton growing states showed less curtailment than elsewhere, with 55,448 bales decrease from that of a year ago and active spinning showing a falling off of 185,239 as compared with November last year. Cotton on hand Nov. 30 showed an increase of 489,405 bales. Public storage and cotton compresses in cotton growing states held almost 1,900,000 bales more than a year ago, while consuming establishments in that section held about 5,000 bales less than last year. Consuming establishments elsewhere showed a similar decrease in holdings.

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Exquisite sets of two, three and four pieces, in Panné satin and crepe de chine, flesh and white suits exquisitely dainty and lacy, decorated with French flowers and ribbons.

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## BRASSIERES ARE REDUCED

One lot of brassieres and bandeaus, which are numbers that will be discontinued—this group does not include all sizes in each style but a wide choice of garments in each size; all at 1/2 Price

## CAMISOLES ALSO REDUCED

Our assortment of camisoles is too wide and varied to enumerate prices, but we will reduce them all to prices averaging one-half and one-third less than former prices on them.

## Evening and Negligee Petticoats

One special group of lace trimmed satin skirts, some with lace flounce; very elaborate and dainty with ribbon and French flower trimmings; regularly up to \$20.75—

Special Sale Price, \$9.97

## Washable Satin Underskirts

Tailored or lace trimmed skirts of soft, supple washable satin, in white or flesh; regularly up to \$9.75—

Special Sale Price \$5.97

## Tub Satin Underskirts

Fancy or plain tailored satin skirts, in very good quality washable satin in flesh or white; regularly up to \$7.95—

Special Sale Price \$4.97

## Tub Silk Petticoats

Flesh or white tub silk skirts, with double panel back and front, tucked flounce; regularly \$5.45—

Special Sale Price \$2.97

## Satinette Petticoats

Flesh or white satinette skirts, double panel back and front, scalloped bottom; regularly \$4.45—

Special Sale Price \$2.97

## Georgette Crepe Teddies

Our georgette teddies are all very exquisite garments trimmed in exquisite laces, pretty ribbons and dainty French flowers, and all of them are included in one group at—

1/2  
Price

1/2  
Price

## Satin and Crepe de Chine Teddies

The variety of these is so great that it is impossible to list prices. However, every satin teddy and crepe de chine teddy in elaborate lacy trim or plain tailored style will be marked at reductions averaging one-third to one-half

## Georgette Crepe Matched Suits 1/2 Off

Matched suits in white, flesh or colored georgette crepe, two or three-piece suits, will be sold at half of regular prices. No sets will be broken at this great reduction.

## Cotton Crepe Bloomers

Figured cotton crepe bloomers, reinforced and well made; \$1.37 regular \$2.45, special

## Batiste Teddies

Batiste teddies, with built up shoulders, white only; regularly \$1.75—

Special 97c

## A B C Silk Bloomers

Bloomers, well reinforced, cut good and full of A. B. C. silk, plain and figured; regularly \$4.45—

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## Tailored Glove Silk Underwear 25% off



One of the chief attractions of Kayser Knit Underwear is its *Marvellit* seat, cut so it positively must stay closed.

Every tailored plain glove silk undergarment, well made and thoroughly well reinforced, heavy grades of the best makes, including Kayser, Vanity Fair, R & M, and Mohawk glove silk union suit, chemise, vests and bloomers, both short and long; in flesh, white and colors, at 25 per cent off.

## Ankle Length Union Suits

Kayser lisle union suit, with silk top, either in built-up shoulder or bodice top; ankle length drawers; regularly \$2.95; special \$1.59

## Kayser Lisle Union Suits

Lisle union suits, with silk top, in pink only, with tight knee or shell edge, built-up shoulder or bodice top and ribbon shoulder strap; regularly sold at \$2.95—

Special \$1.59

## Futurist Underwear

Women's futurist athletic undergarments of batiste, nainsook and striped voile, in flesh and white; regularly up to \$2.95; in built-up shoulder or bodice top—

Special \$1.19

## All Negligees and Kimonos

Crepe de chine and crepe meteor negligees, in very elaborate or sedate models, including practically every wanted boudoir shade as well as dark colors, will be sold at one-third off regular price. 33 1/3 off

## Corduroy Robes

All our corduroy lounging robes in rose, copen and wisteria, lined and un-lined models, in breakfast coat or kimono styles—

1-3 Off

## Corduroy Slippers

Bedroom slippers and mules to match the corduroy robes, in rose, copen and wisteria; regularly \$2.45; special \$1.29

## Men's Lounging Robes

Men's lounging coats of silk or extra quality blanket cloth, with contrasting colors and silk cord edged; special—

1/2 Price

## Philippine Underwear 33 1/3% off

Beautiful gowns and teddies, hand embroidered and hand made in the Philippine islands, very exquisite and dainty garments; will be sold at this reduction.

## Fancy Glove Silk Bloomers—1/2 Price

Every fancy lace trimmed bloomer, in tight knee or French drawer effect, will be included at half of regular price.

## Fancy Glove Silk Vests 1/2 Price

Fancy lace trimmed glove silk vests, many of them to match bloomers, in heavy quality.

## Billie Burke Pajamas One-Half

All of our Billie Burke and two-piece pajamas, in satin and crepe de chine, lovely garments, with lace and ribbon trim, and decorated with French flowers, at one-half of regular prices.

## Crepe de Chine Gowns Reduced

These prices are too many to mention, but all our plain tailored and fancy lacy garments in satin and crepe de chine will be reduced to prices averaging one-third less than regular marked prices.

## Batiste Gowns

Flesh and white batiste gowns, with dainty colored embroidered yoke, or with contrasting stitching. Regularly \$1.75—

Special 97c

## Pink Batiste Gowns

Square or round neck gowns, in excellent quality pink batiste, with Swiss trim; two dainty designs. Regularly \$4.25, special—

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## Fancy Glove Silk Chemise 1/2 Price



All of our fancy lace trimmed chemise, in heavy glove silk; either step-in or envelope model.

## All Georgette Gowns—1/2 Price

All flesh, white and colored georgette crepe night dresses will be sold at 1/2 price.

## Long Sleeve Gowns

Extra good quality white nainsook gowns, with long sleeves and high or medium neck. Regularly \$4.95—

Special \$2.97

## Cotton Crepe Pajamas

Attractive little models, in batiste or cotton crepe, one or two-piece styles, in pink with blue trim. The two-piece pajamas have slip-over coats. Regularly \$4.45 and \$4.75, special—

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